

Tax Administration, Department of Treasury. I further ask consent that if the nomination has not been reported by that date, the nomination then be automatically discharged and placed on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZING SENATE COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 38 submitted by Senators MCCONNELL and DODD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 38) to waive the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to permit a resolution authorizing Senate committee expenditures for the period March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 38) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 38

Resolved, That, notwithstanding paragraph 9 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to report a continuing resolution authorizing Senate committee expenditures for the period March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, unanimous consents work well when no one is here.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment, under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 27, until 12 noon on Monday, February 22. I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that Senator VOINOVICH be recognized to deliver to the Senate Washington's Farewell Address.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THOMAS. I further ask consent that following the farewell address there be a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with the time equally divided between the majority leader and

Senator DURBIN, or their designee; further, that at the conclusion of morning business the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 13, S. 4, a bill to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, for debate only.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. THOMAS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene on Monday, February 22, at 12 noon. Senator VOINOVICH will then inspire us with the recitation of Washington's Farewell Address. At the conclusion of the address, there will be a period of morning business until 3 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 4 regarding military pay raises and retirement benefits. There will be no votes during Monday's session of the Senate. Votes could occur as early as Tuesday morning as amendments are offered and debated. As always, Members will be notified of the voting schedule as it becomes available.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment, under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 27, following the remarks of Senator INHOFE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Mr. THOMAS assumed the Chair.)

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

Mr. INHOFE. First, Mr. President, now that the vote to impeach William Jefferson Clinton has been taken, and before I discuss my vote, let me say that this whole thing could have been avoided had President Clinton resigned months ago. I say this because I called for his resignation last September. Rather than explain my reasoning for calling for President Clinton's resignation, I believe it is better explained by an 8th grade school teacher from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. Terrence Hogan. I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Hogan's letter to the President dated September 26, 1998, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SEPTEMBER 26, 1998.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: It is in the early morning hours. The infamous Starr report has been made public for less than twentyfour hours and I am unable to sleep. I don't imagine you've had much of a restful

night either. As you no doubt are troubled, so am I.

As the forty eight year old father of five and a teacher of eighth grade Civics these past twenty two years I am greatly concerned about the moral direction of our nation. It is as if we have lost our compass and know not what we as a nation wish to be. I am fearful, for I do not wish us to become a nation that is only concerned about the economy and has lost the will to be a nation of admirable principles. I do not want us to dissolve into a people who are more influenced by the spin of the facts than the facts themselves. I am concerned about the effects the next six months of a legal nit picking debate over whether or not you committed an impeachable offense will have on our nation. I am also concerned that the debate will not ask what I believe to be the two paramount questions. First, are you capable of leading this nation for the next 30 months in the directions that we want and need to go? And secondly, do you deserve to be allowed to lead this country?

There is no question in my mind that you have the will to lead. The sad conclusion I have drawn is that you no longer have the moral authority to lead for you have violated the main foundation upon which all relationships are built, that being the existence of mutual trust. In the elections of 1992 and 1996 the American voters forgave you for your one admitted transgression with Ms. Flowers. Then, however, you chose to repeat that transgression in the confines of the Oval office. After which, when confronted with your choices you chose to repeatedly lie to your wife, daughter, supporters and the American people. You chose to continually lie about your choices rather than to frame the debate around the issue that this was a private matter between you and your wife and therefore no business of the American public. It is my heartfelt belief that your choice to lie was designed not so much to save your wife and daughter certain pain but to save yourself and your presidency, an understandable choice but not an acceptable one. Your willful and repeated lying has given the people of this country an insight into the character and integrity of their leader.

With this in mind I am asking you to resign your position as President of these United States for if we are even to pretend to be a nation of principles we cannot tolerate from our president actions and choices that we would not tolerate from the principal of our neighborhood school.

In the last few days you have begun to ask the forgiveness of the American people. If your contrition is heartfelt you deserve the forgiveness of all those individuals whose trust you have violated. I for one forgive you. But as a member of the body politic I must also hold you accountable for your public choices and demand that certain natural consequences be allowed to occur. You no longer possess the trust of the majority of the American people and can therefore no longer lead that people and must therefore give up your position of leadership.

No doubt you share my belief that God our creator calls each of us to be all we can be and that we are also called to sacrifice ourselves for what is in the ultimate best interest of our neighbors, I am asking you now, Mr. President, to do both of those things. Please set aside your personal pride and ambitions, take full responsibility for the choices you have made, accept the natural consequences of those choices and step down as our president and save this nation from